



**OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS
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Strengthening Communities Fund
(SCF)
Capacity Building Program Orientation
April 29, 2010



Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Overview of the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services
- Overview of ARRA
- What is the Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) Grant
- Overview of SCF Capacity Building Program
- Overview Program Assessment
- Questions and Answers
- Next Steps



Orientation Goals

- ◆ Participants will have an understanding of the services OPGS provides
- ◆ Participants will understand the purpose structure of the SCF program and their roles and responsibilities
- ◆ Each participant will complete organizational assessment to determine workshop needs.
- ◆ Participants will understand American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA)



OPGS's Vision and Mission

Vision: Responsive government promoting partnerships for a better DC

Mission

To enhance the capacity of District Government and nonprofit organizations to obtain and manage diverse resources through its effective management and oversight of the government's donation solicitation, grant development, and grant making processes.



OPGS Core Services

- ◆ Grants and Resource Development Support
- ◆ Grantmaking Oversight
- ◆ Donation Solicitation Management
- ◆ Capacity Building Training



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OPGS's Grants – Related Activities

- Technical Assistance for District Government Grant Applications**
- Quarterly and Annual Reporting on New Competitive Federal Grants**
- State Single Point of Contact for All Fed Grant Applications from Public and Private Entities**



OPGS's Funding Services

- **Funding Alert Newsletter**
- **Clearinghouse for District Government Sub-Grants**
- **Online Resources for “Finding Grants”**
- **Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC)**
- **Approval Process for Donations**



SCF Program Objectives

The Strengthening Communities Capacity Building Program is a two year program with three training phases for the executive director or an alternate executive from a local nonprofit or faith-based organization.

Phase One – Building the knowledge base and skills of leader through classroom and webinar trainings

Phase Two – Improving infrastructure to enhance outcomes through on site technical assistance

Phase Three – Execution of Capacity Action Plans



Program Expectations and Outcomes

- ✓ Give 100% participation and support to SCF staff and trainers during the entire program years 1 & 2
- ✓ Improve participant's leadership and organizational capacity to better serve their clients and other District residents
- ✓ Establish more collaboration among SCF participants as well as multi-sector partners to support the economic recovery
- ✓ Demonstrate how participants have utilized the lessons learned from SCF to improve their respective programs with focus on workforce development.



Proposed Program Schedule

- ◆ Bi-weekly or monthly classroom/interactive webinars (May 2010 – February 2011)
- ◆ Onsite TA (June 2010 – August 2010) Customized CAP will be developed
- ◆ Participants will meet with technical experts to review CAP and develop implementation plan (October – November 2010)
- ◆ Implementation of CAP (December 2010 – August 2011)



NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 20, 2010

9 am – 12 noon

Judiciary Square

441 4th Street NW, Room 1114

Topic: Department of Employment Services
Resource Panel



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